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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed September 26, 2008 for which a first response was filed on December 2, 2008, and to which a Notice of Appeal and accompanying Request for Pre-Appeal Brief Review was filed January 26, 2009.

This paper is further responsive to the Notice of Panel Decision Pre-Appeal mailed March 12, 2009. Accordingly, an Appeal Brief is currently due April 12, 2009 (April 12 = Sunday, April 13 = Monday). Applicants respectfully withdraw the Notice of Appeal and request reopening of prosecution and continued examination based on the amendments provided in this paper. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fee to Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP's deposit account no. 03-3975 (order no. 081468-0370191).

In response to the office action, please enter the following:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the current listing of claims at page 2.

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